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Convention President Urges Importance Of State Christian Education Week

By DR. JOHN E. BARNES, JR.
President Mississippi Baptist Convention

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Proverbs 9:10).

As evidence that Mississippi Baptists believe in Christian education, we can point to the four great colleges and a School of Nursing owned and supported by our State Convention.

In order to give emphasis to the ideals that led to the founding of these five institutions, May 31-June 5 has been designated as Christian Education Week.

During this week in every part of the church life, the churches are requested to give emphasis to the urgent need for Christian education.

Our young people should be encouraged to attend the schools owned and supported by our denomination, which have as their goal the presenting of Christ along with the various courses that make

up a college curriculum.

The struggle between the atheistic ideology of Communism and the teachings about God and the worth of the individual by the democracies only heightens the need for church-owned and supported colleges.

Christian education will do several things. One is—it will lift the moral standards of our young people. As we see the shocking moral decline in many areas, it only ac-

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W.M.U. Special Day To Feature Camp Garaywa Expansion

W. M. U. Special Day will be observed Monday, May 4, it has been announced by Miss Edwina Robinson, W. M. U. executive secretary.

A feature of the day will be the special day offering with special emphasis on Camp Garaywa expansion.

All monies collected beyond the goal of \$15,000 will go for much-needed improvement and expansion at Camp Garaywa, according to vote of recent W. M. U. convention.

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Changes Made At Baptist Building Efficiency And Economy Measures Approved

Striving toward greater efficiency, the Executive Committee in its quarterly meeting on April 14 made several changes in the personnel at the Baptist Building, Jackson. J. E. Lane, treasurer was transferred to the Baptist Record Mailing Department where he will be Mailing Superintendent Advertising Manager and Bookkeeper. The Baptist Record bookkeeping office will be transferred to the general bookkeeping office, thereby eliminating the Baptist Record bookkeeper, mailing superintendent and receipt clerk in the bookkeeping office. This will also eliminate the position of one secretary.

The committee asked Dr. Quarles to serve as acting treasurer until final action of the full board.

With a view to economy the committee provided for central purchasing and a stock room for common office supplies. This will, at present, be under the supervision of the acting treasurer. In this way various supplies will be bought in larger quantities at lower prices.

It was also voted that a quarterly meeting of department heads be

held at which time problems concerning various departments be discussed and the work coordinated.

The Committee approved the request by Dr. C. Y. Dossey, Associate Southwide Secretary of Evangelism, that Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Secretary of Evangelism being given leave to assist in a simultaneous revival crusade in Alaska in 1954, and that the committee on allocations consider recommending to the Board approximately \$500 for expenses.

It was also voted that lots be purchased adjacent to Mississippi State College campus at a cost of \$3,000 for a Baptist Student Center.

Other actions of the committee included moving the Bookkeeping Office to what is now known as the assembly room and remodeling the present bookkeeping office into a Chapel which would provide more room for Board meetings and other such gatherings; the combination of the office secretary for the Music and Rural Church Work, thus eliminating one worker; election of Carmon Savell as chairman of the Social Service Committee, replacing Dr. W. A. Keel who has accepted a position with the Convention Board as Secretary of Negro Work.

Executive Committee members present were Marion Perry, Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, Rev. A. B. Pierce, Kermit Cofer, Rev. James Fairchild, Rev. Van Hardin, Rev. J. B. Smith and Rev. Gordon Sanning.

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Houston Pastor Suggests Changes In Constitution

E. H. WESTMORELAND
Chairman
Committee on Local Arrangements

The suggested order of business for the Houston Convention is meeting with almost unanimous favor across the entire Convention territory. The plan of having only two sessions each day is being lauded by the Baptists of Houston and we believe it will meet with general acceptance on the part of the thousands of Messengers expected here May 8-10.

There are two other changes that ought to be made in future programs. First, a change in the Constitution that would declare that "no business would be transacted by the Convention after the close of the morning session on Saturday of the annual session." For all practical purposes that rule is already in effect now, but there is a possibility that at some future date a motion could be

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1043 Churches Have Given To The Cooperative Program Up To April 1

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

1043 of the 1704 listed churches in the Mississippi Baptist Convention have made contributions to the Cooperative Program so far this convention year.

However, 661 churches have not made any contribution to the Cooperative Program through March

31.

April 30 closes the first half of this convention year and the gifts of the churches will be published in the Baptist Record sometime in May.

Several days remain yet for these churches that have made no Cooperative Program gifts to do so before the books close April 30.

The Cooperative Program is our adopted plan of supporting all our mission causes and surely every missionary-minded church will want to have a part in this great work.

Jesse Phillips Elected Head State BSU Council At Hattiesburg Retreat

Jesse Phillips of Grenada, student at the University of Mississippi Saturday was elected president of the State Baptist Student Union Council. The election was held at the State Baptist Student Retreat conducted on the campus of Mississippi Woman's College in Hattiesburg.

Other officers elected are: Charles Parker, Mississippi Southern, enlistment vice president; Ida Fay Todd, Blue Mountain College, social vice president; Rita McDowell, Holmes Junior College, devotional vice president; Guy Braswell, Holmes Junior College, stewardship chairman; Leno Powell, Mississippi College, extension chairman; Elsie Ann Irwin, Delta State, publicity chairman; Louise Wright, Itawamba Junior College, secretary; Bobby Hall, Mississippi State, promotional secretary; Miss Kathryn Jasper, MSCW, student secretaries representative; Max Dorr, Clarke College, music chairman; Pat Pinson, Woman's College, YWA chairman; A. L. McGaugh, Newton, faculty advisor, and Rev. O. B. Robertson of Hattiesburg, pastor advisor.

More than 225 BSU officers attended the retreat representing 21 colleges over the state. The group voted to meet next year at Southwest Junior college, Summit, on the third week-end in April.

This year's Retreat was declared to be one of the best ever held, according to Charles W. Horner,

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New Officers Of State BSU Council Elected At Spring Retreat



Shown above are the new officers of the State BSU Council elected last Saturday afternoon at the Spring Retreat held on campus of Mississippi Woman's College:

Standing, left to right: Jesse Phillips, Ole Miss, President; Leno Powell, Mississippi College, Extension Chairman; Guy Braswell, Holmes Jr. College, Stewardship Chairman; Miss Kathryn Jasper, MSCW, Student Secretary Representative; Max Dorr, Clarke College, Music Chairman; A. L. McGaugh, Newton, Faculty Advisor, and Charles W. Horner, Jackson, State BSU Secretary.

Seated, left to right: Ida Fay Todd, Blue Mountain College, Y. W. A. Chairman; Rita McDowell, Holmes Jr. College, Devotional Vice-President; Elsie Ann Irwin, Delta State, Publicity Chairman; and Louise Wright, Itawamba Jr. College, Secretary.

Not included in the picture are: Bobby Hall, Miss. State, Promotion Chairman and Rev. O. B. Robinson, Hattiesburg, Pastor-Advisor.

Houston Pastor Suggests

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passed determining convention policy at a Saturday night or Sunday session when many of the messengers have already left for their homes. The program after Saturday morning is of an inspirational nature and it should be definitely stated that no matter of business could be introduced during these sessions.

A second change would provide that the Committee on Order of Business for the annual session would work out the "week-end sessions" in co-operation with a committee from the local Baptist Pastor's Conference of the entertaining city. Although the local pastors are now consulted it is only after the program has been worked out in detail and the request made that they promote the program by urging the attendance of their members. There would be far more enthusiasm on the part of the local pastors if they had some voice in determining the number of sessions to be held over the week-end and some voice in the personnel of the program. As it now is the program is handed down and the pastors are asked to "fall in line" regardless of their local programs or their wishes in the matter.

As a permanent policy of the convention, we believe that the above changes would be for the good of all concerned. Let us discuss the matter among ourselves and if such changes appear necessary or desirable, someone should introduce such amendments to the Constitution at the Houston Convention or at some subsequent session.

Editor's Note: We believe that no business should be transacted after Friday night. Too many messengers leave Friday afternoon and night.

Convention President

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centuates the need for the power of Christ in the individual's life to lift the standard of morals.

Christian education will defeat Communism in our schools and in the thinking of our young people, along with all other isms.

Christian education will also help college students to have a purpose in life that is worthy.

Another result of Christian education is that it makes possible the training of great denominational leaders.

We call upon all of our churches during Christian Education Week, May 31-June 5, to give emphasis to having Christ in our schools, to the preaching of the Word in all the agencies of the church.

Appoint a Christian Education Committee now to make plans for this important week.

Dr. W. R. Cooper of Jackson preached in the revival at Macedonia Church in Lincoln County April 3-10, in cooperation with the associational simultaneous crusade. There were 11 additions, eight by baptism, during the week and including the Sunday at the close of the meeting. Rev. A. W. Tolbert is the pastor.

JOINS BAPTIST RECORD EDITORIAL STAFF



MISS ANNE WASHBURN

Miss Doris Wiggins, editorial assistant of the Baptist Record, for the past two years, has resigned to accept the position of assistant editor of publications of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

Her new duties will include editing the Convention's Daily Bulletin, the Baptist Bulletin Service, tracts, and assisting with the Baptist program. The last name is published monthly and goes to pastors throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Wiggins will be succeeded by Miss Anne Washburn, a native of Fayette, Alabama. Miss Washburn is now a student at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, working toward the M. R. E. degree. She is also a graduate of Judson College, Marion, Alabama, where she majored in English and has had experience as a teacher in the public school at Fairfax, Alabama.

Miss Washburn will begin her new duties about May 15. In the meantime, Mrs. Clifton Nettles, former editorial assistant, is taking care of the work.

Jesse Phillips Elected

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Attendance was up, the spirit was superb and the program throughout was most challenging.

Those attending the Retreat annually are newly-elected BSU officers on the various campuses and the program is designed to inform them and inspire them for their work the year following.

The Retreat opened at 7 p. m. Friday night and closed at noon Sunday following regular morning worship services at Immanuel Church.

Two out of state leaders were on program, Miss Billie Russell, associate in Student Union Department, Nashville, and Dr. Frank Stagg, professor New Testament Interpretation, New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Several state leaders were on the program.

A committee was appointed by the president, Woodie Williams, Jr., to study the matter of limiting the number of those attending the Spring Retreat.

Bowen Memorial Church To Dedicate Chapel

Bowen Memorial Church in Gulf Coast Association will dedicate its new chapel at services to be held Sunday afternoon, April 26, at 2:30 o'clock.

The structure cost \$25,000 and is paid for in full, according to the pastor, Chaplain Richard L. Alexander.

Those others to have part in the dedicatory services in addition to the pastor will be: Mrs. J. C. Moore, Church organist; Rev. W. E. Allen, Pass Christian; Dr. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, First Church; Rev. John W. Green, Moderator Gulf Coast Ass'n; Rev. O. B. Anderson, Associational Missionary; Rev. P. S. Dodge, Sr., Grace Memorial Church and Rev. W. C. Wyatt.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 20—The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Alumnae Association will be held at the college Saturday, May 2. Mrs. Hugh N. Clayton, New Albany, the president, will preside. Mrs. W. L. May, Blue Mountain, will preside over the meeting of the junior alumnae—those who have graduated in the last five years. Mrs. Orene Ellis Farese, Ashland, will make the principal address. Her subject: "The Importance of Religious Schools in Training For Leadership." The classes of 1948, 1943, 1928, and 1913 will hold reunions. The annual May Day festivities will take place at 4 p. m. Jane Anderson, Booneville, will give her senior speech recital at 8 p. m.

(From Blue Mountain College, 1953, by Ozele Coggins, S. C. N.)

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W.M.U. Special Day

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The goal of \$15,000 will be distributed as follows:

Aged Ministers (Birthday and Thanksgiving) \$2,250; Camp Garaywa (Enlargement) 4,000; Diamond Jubilee Observance 5,000; Margaret Fund (Love Gifts) 500; and Training School (Maintenance and Scholarship) 3,250.

W. M. U. Special Day will be observed by the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. organizations with an appropriate program, the theme of which is "Heavenly Treasures."

STARTS MEMORIAL FUND FOR R. L. BRELAND

Through a recent visit to Clarke College Dr. Clyde Breland, of Louisville, Kentucky, son of the late Dr. R. L. Breland, sent a small check to the college stating that he would like for it to be used as a beginning of the "R. L. Breland Memorial Scholarship Fund."

He expresses the hope that other relatives and friends would add to the initial gift. The late Mr. Breland was a member of the first Board of Trustees of Clarke Memorial College and had a prominent part in the founding of the school. He was especially well known in Neshoba and Newton counties, and besides serving in central Mississippi he held pastorates at Copperville, Duck Hill, Pittsboro and Tillatoba.

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ON ELECTING DEACONS

By REV. J. L. BOYD

From the very beginning of the Southern Baptist Convention there have been books or treatises published on the Deaconship by outstanding men for the convenience of Baptist churches in electing and ordaining brethren to this important office. In 1846, a year after the convention was organized Dr. R. B. C. Howell, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, had published a little book, "The Deaconship", in which he says:

"When deacons are to be elected, after ample time and means have been afforded for reflection and decision, the church, as a body, proceeds to the election. . . We know, and that is sufficient, that it was by the suffrage of the whole body (First Church at Je-

Glorieta Ready For Summer Conference

E. A. Herron, manager of Glorieta Baptist Assembly, has announced that the first series of buildings is now complete. These are the initial units of the auditorium, dining hall, New Mexico Hall, eight housing units, and six housekeeping cottages.

Mr. Herron further stated that such improvements as water, sewer, power lines, sewage disposal plant, large water storage reservoir, three miles of hard surfaced roads, plumbing, welding, electrical shops, painting and wood-working shops have been constructed.

Twelve weeks of assembly are planned at Glorieta and that capacity attendance is expected.

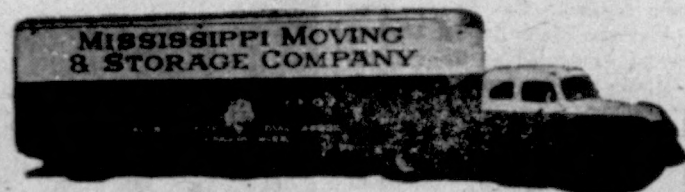
Glorieta will be operated on the same basis as Ridgecrest Assembly. This means the same rates will be charged for rooms, meals, and other services furnished by the Assembly. Sixty college students will be on the staff. Glorieta is located nineteen miles east of Santa Fe, N. Mex., on U. S. Highway No. 85.

rusalem) and that all elections (of deacons) should be conducted in the same manner.

"At the proper time after their election the persons designed for deacons, are placed by the church before the ministers whose duty it is to ordain them. . . The people elected the deacons, and the ministers ordained them. . . They were set before the Apostles by the church, expressive of their own action. . . The Twelve having approved the choice, ordained them." (pp. 62-66).

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If you do not have a catalogue, we shall be glad to supply one upon request. Address:

Secretary to the President
BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
Blue Mountain, Mississippi

Convention Problems

As our readers know the Southern Baptist Convention meets May 6 at Houston, Texas. From a few thousand members and a few states the Convention now has more than seven million members and covers territory from Alaska to Miami and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Years ago there were only a few hundred in attendance; now it has grown far above the ten thousand mark.

Where formerly receipts were counted in thousands of dollars, we now deal in millions.

All this amazing and marvelous growth has not only increased our opportunities, but our problems. And each year they grow larger and more numerous. Not being a prophet we cannot name all the problems that will come before the convention but we give below a few that seem certain to be discussed.

1. It is proposed that the Executive Committee be enlarged by about one-third. Arguments are being made both pro and con. On other pages will be found articles concerning this change. Personally we doubt the wisdom of the suggested change. It is already large enough. One argument favoring the change is that some of the smaller states have as much representation as larger states. So do small states in the United States Senate. The enlargement of the Executive Committee would tend to create a small convention. Certainly it cannot be said that as now constituted, the Executive Committee is not representative. Nor have we seen any evidence that smaller states are exerting an undue influence. If we enlarge on the basis of members we may soon see someone proposing that states that give the largest sums for southwide work be given extra representation. And we would also remind you that the present set-up seems to be doing a good job.

2. At the last meeting of the Virginia convention, by a small majority, it was voted to ask that the state be allowed "to suggest to the Committee on Committees two persons for the committee to consider in its nomination of a representative for Virginia) on the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Boards." Again we doubt the wisdom of such action. If all states should do as Virginia asks to be allowed to do we would soon have a Southern Baptist Convention of, by and for state conventions. The present plan is working well, let's keep it.

3. A president is to be elected. We know of many who would make a good president. We have no candidate nor are we working for anyone. We do resent the ef-

forts of some to play politics. The few letters we have received asking that we support and use our influence for this or that person have received no attention nor reply. We do not approve of such.

4. From the amount of talk that we have heard at various meetings there is much sentiment favoring the discharging of the so-called Gardner Committee. Its title when first named was "On Relations with Other Bodies." The past few reports bear no resemblance to the title. With most of the reports submitted we agree but we should do one of two things: (1) Change its name to conform with what it is doing or (2) Discharge the committee.

5. The Radio Commission will again ask to be allowed to solicit offerings for its work. If this privilege is to be continued, we should also open the doors to all other agencies. However, it seems that most of them in one way or another are managing to do what the Radio Commission is authorized to do.

6. One pastor, perhaps others, is suggesting that each state be allotted votes according to membership and that on controversial questions, messengers from a state caucus and then cast the vote of that state. Space does not permit a full explanation.

7. There may be discussion concerning merging the Radio Commission with the Home Mission Board. We first favored such a move. Since studying the matter more thoroughly and securing information that we did not then have we doubt the wisdom of such a move. But we do think that the radio business should be put in the hands of one agency. If the Radio Commission is to be continued as a separate agency it would be wise to discontinue the Home Board radio program. Let the Radio Commission handle it. We recall in times past when the Baptist Hour came on at 7:30 a. m., that the Home Board program followed shortly thereafter.

To those of you who are going to Houston, we suggest that you think on these things and be prepared to vote intelligently. Don't wait until you get there to think things over. And when you do get there vote according to the facts and not because some tear-jerker makes a factless appeal to your emotions.

To those who are not going, think these things over and discuss them with the messengers who will go from your church.

We believe all want to do what is right and what will be best for God's work. Let's earnestly seek God's will and then whatever the decision, help to make it a success.

Our Annual Appeal

Again we make our annual appeal that speakers at the Southern Baptist Convention give their names and preferably their position and place.

It is impossible for any one of the editors or writers reporting the Convention to know everybody. The same thing is true of the messengers.

The person speaking will have more influence, one way or the other, if the people know who is making the speech.

We make a double barreled appeal. Either the presiding officer should state who the speaker is or the speaker should give that information.

W.M.U. Convention A Real Success

The recent State W. M. U. Convention, featured by the historical pageant, was declared by all concerned to be a tremendous success.

History was made at the meeting as a giant historical pageant depicting the 75-year old organized history of the Convention was presented, unusually good reports were made and ambitious plans for future progress were announced.

The pageant itself, seen by approximately 4000 people, was presented by a cast of over 600 in excellent fashion.

Many months of minute planning went into the presentation of the mammoth spectacle which we believe to be one of the biggest and most creditable programs ever presented in Mississippi Baptist history.

Mississippi Baptists are thereby more conscious of their history and glorious heritage than ever before, meaning that they will be inspired more than ever to move on to greater victories.

The pageant was presented by the pageant committee of the convention of which Miss Edwina Robinson, state W. M. U. secretary, was chairman.

She was supported in this great undertaking by the entire W. M. U. Department as well as members of the Committee and scores of others who had various parts and assignments.

The entire Convention program was superb throughout, featuring a fine spirit, good reports and outstanding speakers.

The convention officers evidently had done a good job as they were enthusiastically re-elected for another term.

Ambitious plans were mapped for the future, including improvements and expansion of Camp Garaywa and the lifting of the

1953 Lottie Moon offering goal to \$150,000.

Hats off to our W. M. U. They are on the march to the glory of God.

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Our Readers Write

Editor's Note: It is our policy to try to be fair on any question. We do not claim to have any monopoly on wisdom. Recently we carried an article by Dr. W. Douglas Huggins advocating transferring the work of the Radio Commission to the Home Mission Board. We also published an editorial in which we joined Editor John J. Hurt, Jr. of the GEORGIA CHRISTIAN INDEX in approving the suggestion.

Below are extracts from a letter from Mr. Dupree Jordan, Acting Director of the Radio Commission. He sets forth his ideas why the consolidation would not be wise.

All of us have been interested in the proposal made several weeks ago about the possibility of a committee being appointed to study the advisability of combining our Radio and Television Commission with the Home Mission Board. I am confident that none of the men on either of our Boards would oppose such a study if the Convention as a whole felt that it worth while and proper.

Actually, there is no more logic in merging these two particular Boards than there would be in combining all of the activities of all of our agencies into one mammoth (and rather cumbersome), all-inclusive board. I believe anyone who would take the time to look beyond superficial appearances and examine the activities of each would agree.

Our radio and television activities constitute a specialized field; you cannot expect just any pastor or group of denominational workers to be able to understand and carry out an effective ministry in this area. We have unique problems and unusual possibilities. Really, we have the most tremendous potential the world has ever known for giving the good news of the Gospel of Christ to all men, unto the ends of the earth.

There are some 3,000 radio stations broadcasting in this country at the present time, with some 110 million radio receiving sets; more radios than automobiles, telephones, bath tubs or tooth brushes! There are already more than 150 television stations on the air in the United States, the FCC has received more than 1,100 applications for new stations during the past year, and there will probably be as many as 5,000 TV stations on the air within the next ten years. There are already more than 23 million television receiving sets in operation in this nation.

The Baptist Hour, which is the major radio broadcast of our Radio and Television Commission, is now being carried (Continued On Page Four)

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Thirty-Four Mississippians To Graduate At New Orleans Seminary



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Mississippi Baptists have 34 who are on the graduating list at the New Orleans Seminary this year. For the Doctor of Theology degree: N. W. Carpenter, New Augusta; Lewis A. Curtis, Hickory, and Lewis E. Rhodes, Bogie Chitto.

Master of Theology: George M. Jenkins, Lucedale, and Richmond A. Hancock, Jackson.

Bachelor of Divinity: J. C. Anderson, Laurel; Jack Bilbo, Sandy Hook; Thomas N. Channell, McCall Creek; James Coney, Jackson; Canless J. Evans, Meridian; John W. Flowers, McComb; George A. Hannaford, Jayess; W. W. Hoffer, Meridian; George Ray Jordan, Bogie Chitto; James L. Lawrence, Europa; Luther S. Litchfield, Meridian; S. Parkes Marler, Harpersville; Lawrence

Martin, Clinton; Joseph W. Mefford, Osyka; James M. Richardson, Vardaman; Oscar B. Robertson, Hattiesburg; Ralph T. Self (no picture), Lena; and Dan Thompson, Sandy Hook.

Master of Religious Education: Harold N. Gulley, Neshoba; Mrs. James H. Lawrence, Clinton; Thomas A. Moak, Jr., Bogie Chitto, and Tommie Lou Scott, Mantee.

Bachelor of Religious Education: Mrs. E. K. Dunn, Burnsville.

Diploma in Christian Training: John J. Dorough, Summerland; Mrs. R. A. Herrington, Soso; and Jasper P. Neel, Jr., McAdams.

Certificate in Christian Training: Mrs. H. E. Keen, Jr., Pelahatchie; Mrs. Dan Thompson, Columbia, and Francis V. Canty, Pascagoula.

Our Readers Write

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every week by some 340 stations all over this country and in seven foreign countries. In addition, we are making a variety of transcribed programs at all times. Our 15 minute devotional series, the Chapel Upstairs, is constantly being enlarged, and these broadcasts are used regularly by some 200 radio stations, army chaplains, veterans' hospitals, and other groups all over the world. We have just completed a series of six 15-minute dramatic programs on the Christian Home, and these transcriptions are being distributed all over the country, and will be used throughout our Southern Baptist Convention in connection with Christian Home Week the first of May.

We handle the weekly Good News

Hour broadcast for the Home Mission Board, but this is a very small part of our work, and far from considering it any overlapping or competition, we are delighted to perform this service for the Home Board, and would be more than happy to do the same thing for every one of our Southwide agencies. In fact, the facilities of our Radio Center are available, and they are frequently used by many of our Southwide agencies, State Conventions, and local groups.

In television, we are doing more and more all the time. You are familiar with the weekly Bible Story Time telecast which we have had on WSB-TV here in Atlanta for almost a year now. We are to have another network TV program on Frontiers of Faith on Sunday, July 12th of this year, and we are now making plans for the production of three

separate series of television films this year. We hope to have from twenty to thirty good religious films available for TV distribution by early fall.

This spring and summer we are conducting a series of radio and TV clinics and conferences all over the country. We are trying to help our pastors and other church leaders make the best possible use of radio and television on a local basis. We will have special workshop weeks in radio and TV at Glorieta, New Mexico, June 8-14, and at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 25-31.

These are just a few of the things we are doing at the present time, but even from a glance at them we do not see how the work of the Southern Baptist Convention or the cause of Christ could be benefitted by placing these responsibilities upon some other board or agency.

However, let me repeat the statement I made at the beginning of this letter: we certainly would not be opposed to any study of the advisability of such a merger. If the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole felt there was merit in such a plan, we would certainly cooperate to the fullest extent. Our only desire is to carry on the work of Christ in the best possible way, and we know of no better way than through a radio and television ministry which is reaching many thousands and millions who never can or will enter any of our churches.

With kindest personal regards always, and every good wish, I remain,

Most sincerely,

DUPREE JORDAN,
Acting Director.

Convention Board Books Close On April 30 For First Half Year

Attention is being called to the fact that the Convention Board books close on April 30 for the first half of this Convention year, it has been revealed by J. E. Lane, treasurer.

The record of the mission gifts of all the churches will be published in May for the period Nov. 1-April 30.

All remittances for the above period should be mailed to reach this office on or before April 30. Remittances reaching the convention board office after April 30 will appear in August.

Itta Bena Summer Worker



MISS EDITH ALEXANDER

Miss Edith Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Alexander, Itta Bena, will be a new member of the staff, First Church, Itta Bena, for the summer months. Miss Alexander is a graduate of MSCW, and has taught two years at Clarke College. She is now working on a Masters in Music at Southwestern Seminary. She will have charge of all choirs, ensembles, private voice and organ lessons through the summer months.

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Mrs. Genevieve Day, state library worker at the Baptist Bookstore, Jackson, will be with the Southside Church in Meridian April 26-27. She will assist in setting up their library and teach a refresher course in the Church Library Manual.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BLUE MTN. GROUPS

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 20—Officers for the Eunomians, Euzelians, and Modenians, extra-curricular groups of Blue Mountain College, have been elected for the session 1953-54.

Eunomian officers: President, Lynda Anderson, Sparta, Tenn.; vice-president, Mary Ann Wacker, Louisville, Ky.; Secretary, Gladys Arakawa, Honolulu, Hawaii; treasurer, Carolyn Waits, Bruce; Athletic Director Mary Elizabeth Birdsong, Memphis, Tenn.; Goddess, Joyce Simpson, Jackson; Program chairman, Diane Gardner, Memphis Tenn., and Ginger Sutton, Memphis, Tenn.

Modenian officers: presi-

dent, Mary Jo Ray, Ackerman; vice-president, Patty Hollis, Chalysbeate; Secretary, Martha Maer, Temuco, Chile; treasurer, Jerry Lynn Wilkins, Lake Charles, La.; Athletic Director, Patsy Bartholomew, Blytheville, Ark; Program Chairmen, Mary Johnston, Eupora, and Mary Ellen Teel, Mount Pleasant.

Euzelian officers: President, Sylvia Strickland, Greenwood; vice-president, Sara Ann Coleman, West Point; secretary-treasurer, Betty Hale, New Albany; Queen, Margie Smith, Laurel; program chairmen, Delores Holmes, Tupelo, and Betty Jo Wicker, New Albany; athletic director, Sally Douglas, St. Petersburg, Fla.; pianist, Dot Grishman, Baldwin.

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BILL ROBY



MARY BETH AINSWORTH

Mr. Bill Roby, left, who will receive his degree from Miss. College this Spring, and Miss Mary Beth Ainsworth, a student at Miss. College, have volunteered for preacher and pianist, respectively, in Youth-led Revivals this summer. Both are highly recommended by pastors and others and both have had quite a good deal of experience. Pastors, will we keep them and other fine volunteers busy this summer?

MISCELLANEA

This is an urgent request to Student Secretaries or Faculty Advisers to send a list of their new Executive Councils to our office. We need 'em.

Urge your college pastor to go to Student Week at Ridgecrest or Glorieta. Reg. fees (\$2) may be sent to our office any time for anybody.

MSCW had average of 87 in S. S., 47 in T. U., 55 in Y. W. A. 43 in Noonday last month. Banquet had 130 present; 7 rededications, one brought letter, one volunteered for Missions during meeting led by Dr. Kearnie Keegan.

Barbara Whatley has replaced as Promotion Chairman at Clarke, Jimmy Sumrall whom Uncle Sam wanted.

Sparks & Splinters

Port Gibson Baptist Church has just completed repainting its building inside and outside. The auditorium has been redecorated and refurnished with new pews, floors, pulpit furniture, choir loft, baptistry, and light fixtures. Modern fold doors have been installed to provide more space for Sunday school. The kitchen has been enlarged and redecorated. A revival is now in progress.

You can imagine with what deep regret we tear ourselves away for furlough. I have found out, after nineteen years here, that I am more Brazilian than American.

Thelma (Mrs. A. I.) Bagby, missionary to Brazil (written before she left for furlough in 1952).

The River Oaks Church, Houston, Rev. William E. Denham, Jr. pastor, is trying a plan that other churches can also use. The church sends one of the Southern Baptist papers to each of its deacons. This is in order to keep them informed concerning affairs in other states as well as in their own state.

One afternoon we were caught in a sudden tropical storm. Then suddenly there appeared a bright rainbow over the opposite ridge which extended all the way to the depths of the valley below us, resting on a humble cottage of mud and straw. To me, the rainbow symbolized the good news from heaven to all creatures here below, even the poorest. — Crystal (Mrs. W. W.) Enete, missionary to Brazil.

B. J. Broome, chairman of Evangelism for Bolivar County, reports successful revivals during the recent Delta - Wide Crusade. There were 18 churches participating during the two - week period of March 22-April 5. The county-wide additions were about 170 for baptism and 110 by letter. Scores of re-dedications were made and some reported the surrender for full time Christian service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

April 19, 1953

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| Laurel, Second Ave. | 523 | 177 |
| Hattiesburg, Main St. | 825 | 308 |
| Jackson: | | |
| First | 1435 | 510 |
| Parkway | 982 | 537 |
| Alta Woods | 564 | 273 |
| Crestwood | 489 | 343 |
| Westview | 230 | 203 |
| Northside | 649 | 170 |
| Southside | 394 | 185 |
| Highland | 238 | 150 |
| Broadmoor | 209 | 95 |
| Byram | 180 | 152 |
| Calvary | 1491 | 438 |
| Main | 1404 | 371 |
| Mission | 87 | 67 |
| Paul Truitt (Rankin Co.) | 250 | 166 |
| Petal Harvey | 298 | 146 |
| Springfield (Scott Co.) | 144 | 92 |
| Pascagoula, First | 982 | 408 |
| Main School | 741 | 303 |
| Orange Grove Chapel | 52 | 33 |
| Jackson Ave. Chapel | 134 | 45 |
| McArthur Chapel | 55 | 27 |
| East Corinth | 91 | 44 |
| Laurel, First | 573 | 172 |
| West Laurel | 405 | 149 |
| Mission | 51 | 33 |
| Mantee | 128 | |
| Calhoun City, First | 379 | 131 |
| Meridian, Southside | 425 | 121 |
| Meridian, Oakland Hts. | 240 | 75 |
| Kosciusko, Second | 186 | 158 |
| Columbus, East End | 261 | 101 |
| Crowder | 233 | 86 |
| Morton | 306 | 151 |
| Yazoo City, Calvary | 204 | 140 |
| Ruleville | 314 | 123 |
| Main Church | 275 | 84 |
| Calvary Mission | 39 | 39 |
| Laurel, Wildwood | 130 | 58 |
| Brookhaven, Pearlhaven | 151 | 100 |
| Harmony (Jones Co.) | 153 | 80 |
| Meridian, Fifteenth Ave. | 591 | 272 |
| Darling | 75 | 54 |
| Itta Bena, First | 222 | 85 |
| Bethlehem (Jones Co.) | 136 | 81 |
| Delay | 38 | 43 |
| Springfield (Scott Co.) | 145 | 92 |
| Newton | 444 | 242 |
| Chester | 44 | 40 |
| Union (Alcorn Co.) | 95 | 51 |
| Houston, First | 310 | 130 |
| East McComb | 407 | 195 |
| Ruth | 48 | 34 |
| Houlka (Chickasaw Co.) | 117 | 50 |
| Grenada, Emmanuel | 258 | 97 |
| Longview (Oktibbeha Co.) | 88 | 49 |
| Grenada, First | 721 | 154 |
| Pleasant Ridge (Chickasaw Co.) | 60 | 53 |
| Pascagoula, Eastlawn | 151 | 110 |
| Kreole | 106 | 67 |
| Glenfield (Union Co.) | 88 | 78 |
| New Albany, First | 609 | 134 |
| Mission | 38 | 21 |
| Enterprise | 111 | 72 |
| Vicksburg, First | 588 | 185 |
| Crystal Springs, First | 626 | 193 |
| Clarksdale | 733 | 101 |
| Bay St. Louis, First | 121 | 78 |
| Holly Bluff | 142 | 92 |
| Friendship (Lincoln Co.) | 79 | 65 |
| Fair River (Lincoln Co.) | 85 | 57 |
| Brookhaven, First | 726 | 319 |
| Main | 632 | 254 |
| Southway | 58 | 39 |
| Halbert Heights | 48 | 26 |
| Corinth, Tate Street | 341 | 110 |
| Raymond | 199 | 83 |
| Carthage | 189 | 73 |
| Gulfport, First | 913 | 361 |
| Handsboro | 182 | 103 |
| McComb, Locust Street | 80 | 72 |
| Hattiesburg, Temple | 527 | 145 |
| McComb, Friendship | 155 | 83 |
| Clinton | 472 | 238 |

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

HINDS HOLDS FIRST ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

On Sunday afternoon, April 12th the first associational hymn sing for the new music program for Hinds county was held at the Crestwood church in Jackson. The program opened at 2:30 and closed at 4 p. m.

Rev. S. W. Valentine, recently elected associational music director, presided. The State Music Director was present and presented plans for the District Music Festivals now in progress throughout the state.

A fine program of congregational singing was lead by directors of the various churches, and special numbers were presented by West View, Elaine, Crestwood, North Side, and Daniel.

There were about 10 churches represented with a total of 173 people present.

A committee was appointed to make recommendations for an as-

sociate director and secretary-treasurer. The Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the State Music Department, was approved. There were several pastors present.

The Hinds Music Association is on its way and takes it place by the side of 53 other organized associations in the state.

DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVALS ARE IN PROGRESS

The Music Festivals beginning April 27th and running through May 12 are as follows: April 27th—Durant, 28—Hollandale, 29—Ruleville—30—1st Calhoun City, May 1—Sardis, May 12—New Albany, 13—Clarksdale, 14th—Booneville, 15—West Point, 18—Louisville.

The enrolment of the District Music Festivals this year is expected to break all past records in our state. A total enrolment goal has been set of 2400.

29 Additions in 15th Avenue Church Revival

Revival services at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, led by Dr. George E. Stewart of San Antonio, Texas, closed Sunday night, April 12, with a total of 29 additions, 17 by baptism, and a record breaking attendance in the Training Union—301.

The attendance at Training Union was accomplished by hard work on part of the director, Miss Evelyn Crooke and the officers without any scheme.

Jack Southerland is pastor and H. B. Youngblood, minister of education.

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Let's All Go To Our District Conventions

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

| Date | Dist. No. | President | Host Pastor |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| June 8-5 | | Rev. J. P. Brewer | Rev. F. M. Purser |
| June 9-6 | | Rev. W. G. Beam | Rev. C. E. Patch |
| June 10-7 | | Rev. C. H. Cutrell | Rev. L. F. Haire |
| June 11-8 | | Rev. W. E. Palmer | Rev. Samuel M. Brown |
| June 12-8 | | Rev. C. O. Estes | Rev. B. D. Bragg |
| June 13-10 | | Rev. J. Harold Jones | Rev. Bobby Magee |
| June 14-11 | | Dr. Levon Moore | Dr. Walter Moore |
| June 15-12 | | Rev. Van Hardin | Rev. J. T. Tolar |
| June 16-13 | | Rev. Dan Morton | Dr. G. C. Hodge |
| June 17-14 | | Ralph Herrin | Rev. W. B. Abel |
| June 18-15 | | Rev. Harold Douglas | Rev. Brooks H. Wester |
| June 19-1 | | Rev. A. A. Ward | Rev. R. Y. Gerrard |
| June 20-2 | | Rev. D. D. Satterwhite | Rev. D. D. Satterwhite |
| June 21-3 | | S. B. Minyard | Dr. John W. Landrum |
| June 22-4 | | Dr. Ira Eavenson | Rev. J. B. Dorroh |

WELCOME TO OFFICE SECRETARY



Miss Sammie Campbell

The Training Union Department is happy to announce the acquisition of a full time secretary, Miss Sammie Campbell of Jackson, Mississippi. Miss Campbell graduated from Central High School of Jackson in 1947 and from Clarke Memorial College in June of 1952. She served as secretary to Mr. L. M. Lanier, Business Manager, for the entire two school sessions and during the summer of 1951. She has also been connected with the Freeman-Lyle Motor Company and the Veterans' Farm and Home Board. The Department is happy to welcome her to the office staff and to introduce her to the people of Mississippi.

The Department is indeed grateful for the service of Mrs. Cecil Hannaford, who served as part-time secretary until Miss Campbell could be secured for the position.

WATCH US GROW!

In the year 1952, the Training Union enrollment advanced 7.9% to bring the total to 1,677,293 in the Southern Baptist Convention and 103,273 in the state of Mississippi. A gain of 875 new Training Unions was reported in the Southern Baptist Convention. Mississippi shared in this gain and is continuing to grow.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



Mrs. Chester L. Quarles

The tide of interest is rising and the movement is toward our Training Union Assembly at Camp Garaywa, July 6-10. We feel that we are fortunate indeed to have such a fine staff of speakers for our conferences.

The Nursery, Beginner and Primary leaders are to be led by Mrs. Chester Quarles, wife of the Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mrs. Quarles is recognized throughout the state and southland as one of the finest workers available for leaders of these elementary departments. During the two weeks following this assembly she will be on the faculty at Ridgecrest in a similar position.

The Junior and Intermediate Leadership Conference will be under the direction of Miss Louise Hill, Associate in the Training Union Department at Jackson.

Miss Hill's eight years of devoted service to Mississippi Baptists has endeared her to Training Union workers throughout the state. She brings to this conference an accumulation of years of experience in applying Training Union principles to the Junior and Intermediate problems faced by Training Union leaders.



Louise Hill

HENDERSON ORDAINED AT WEST SALEM



REV. DONNIE HENDERSON

Donnie Henderson was ordained to the gospel ministry by the West Salem Church in Perry county. Rev. T. R. Coulter, Jr., pastor, gave the charge and Dr. W. E. Greene, Clarke College president, delivered the ordination sermon. The council was composed of deacons and pastors of Greene county.

Mr. Henderson is a student at Clarke College and is doing mission work in Oregon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henderson of Richton.

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Pleasant Hill Church Has Banner Day April 12

April 12th was a banner day for Pleasant Hill Church in Perry county. It was Homecoming Day and also Groundbreaking day for a new church building.

A congregation made up of members, former members and friends, two sermons by a former pastor, Rev. Bryan Simmons, a sumptuous meal, a season of fine fellowship, appropriate groundbreaking ceremonies and an enthusiastic report of more than \$1,000 raised on the building, combined to make a happy day for Pastor Luther Turner and his people.

The ground-breaking was by the two oldest members, Pastor Luther Turner's mother and Samuel Turner. The new building is to be of brick and tile and will have a nice auditorium and six class rooms.

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Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour program Sunday, April 26. His message will be broadcast by 330 stations.

Mississippi has the following stations carrying the Baptist Hour: WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville 6 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p. m.; WDOB, Canton, 5 p. m.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD REPORTS

The Hinds County Associational Brotherhood met this quarter with 230 in attendance with 15 churches represented. They held an Associational Brotherhood officers planning meeting; have 35 churches in the association with 17 Brotherhoods 780 and 2 new Brotherhoods were organized this quarter. Reported by J. T. Grantham, Associational Brotherhood president.

Newton County Associational Brotherhood met this quarter with 74 present. They had 3 churches represented, 3 Brotherhood presidents and 3 pastors. They report 32 churches in the association with 5 having Brotherhoods, and the total enrollment of all Brotherhoods is 100. 1 new Brotherhood was organized this quarter. Reported by G. L. Palmer, Associational Brotherhood president.

LOCAL BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Terry Brotherhood in Hinds Association has an enrollment of 35 and held 2 meetings. They had 2 new members this month; provided lunches for four needy school children, made special effort to reach the young men and boys to enroll them in Sunday School and donated \$10 toward lunches for the Royal Ambassadors conference in Jackson. Reported by Will T. Head, Jr.

Lyman Brotherhood in Gulf-coast Association has an enrollment of 19 and held 4 meetings. They built a new fence around the pastors home; and members took a project as building fires for services at different meetings, Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday nights. Reported by

Clarke College Students Enroll In 62 Colleges

Mississippi Baptist friends of Christian Education and all who know about the program of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, will be especially interested to know that within the last 3 years, students from the Baptist School at Newton have enrolled in 62 other institutions of higher learning located from California to New York. The 5 schools receiving the highest enrollments were Mississippi College, 228; Mississippi Southern, 81; Howard, Birmingham, 19; East Texas Baptist, Marshall, 19; Mississippi State, 14.

It is of interest, also, to note that Clarke Memorial College has more members of its staff who hold a Doctors degree than any other Junior College in the United States. Every department head has either a Masters degree or its equivalent, or a Doctors degree in the field of his specialization.

For the first three terms this year 440 enrolled in the main school, and 71 in the two extension arms, making a total of 511. The total enrollment is expected to go beyond 675.

Roy Peterman.

Centerville Brotherhood in Mississippi Association has an enrollment of 22 and had 1 meeting. They conducted cottage prayer meeting in preparation for the revival meeting; took part in the visitation program and furnished transportation to those that needed it during the meeting. Reported by pastor, Rev. E. L. Howell.

Marion Brotherhood in Lauderdale Association has an enrollment of 26 and held 5 meetings. They conducted a workshop program each Saturday night; conduct prayer meeting each Saturday night; made plans to organize a Brotherhood at the Conehatta Indian Church; attended Associational Brotherhood meeting and had young men of the church as guest; completed a study of the Articles of Faith; held evangelistic meeting at the County Stockade; held executive committee meeting and sponsored a church paper, the "Marion Baptist Newsletter". Reported by I. E. Stokes.

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J. N. Holloway Accepts Noxubee Pastorate

Rev. J. N. Holloway, associational missionary of Marion County for the past two and a half years, has resigned that position to become pastor of Elon and Deersbrook churches in Noxubee County.

The Holloways will live in the parsonage of the Elon Church, located in Macon, and serve the two churches.

The Rev. Mr. Holloway led the Marion Association in a progressive program of Missions, a report of which was given in the Baptist Record last year.

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ENLARGEMENT PLANS AT MISS. COLLEGE GET UNDER WAY

Enlargement of buildings and facilities at Mississippi College began in earnest this week as actual preliminaries to construction of the addition to Ratliff Hall was started, according to President D. M. Nelson.

The boys dormitory, which will be doubled in capacity is expected to accommodate 150 students, after the addition of wings to the North and South and an entire additional floor.

Needs for the expansion was brought on by an enrollment this year which shattered all previous records, including those made during the boom in education immediately after World War II.

The enlargement of the building, which is expected to cost approximately \$100,000 will make possible the housing of freshman men students in a separate dormitory as is now done with women freshmen students. This segregation will make possible closer supervision of the younger student's study habits, enabling them to get a better start in their college careers.

The campaign for enlargement was begun last fall after the State Convention had approved plans presented to them by President Nelson. The expansion also includes a Fine Arts Building to provide better facilities for this vital part of the college program. The Fine Arts Building is expected to cost approximately \$300,000.

Gulfport Reports Great Revival 102 Added To Church

First Baptist Church Gulfport, has just concluded one of the best revival meetings in its history with Rev. Eddie Martin of Lancaster, Pa., as the evangelist. There were 102 additions to the church, 63 by baptism, and a number of other people were saved.

Applications already on hand for the 1953-54 session indicate that enrollment will go even higher, according to Dr. Nelson, which makes the enlargement campaign even more vital to the welfare of the Baptist youth of this state.

and many came for assurance and in rededication. The crowds were among the largest ever seen in the church, and on Sunday afternoon, April 12, nearly 2500 people attended a great evangelistic rally in the high school football stadium.

Associated with Mr. Martin in the meeting were Mr. Garland Co-field of Chattanooga, Tenn., evangelistic singer, and the evangelist's mother, Mrs. Robert Martin Sr., who directed the soul winning visitation program. The team is now in a meeting at First Baptist Church, JACKSONVILLE, Fla., and in May will begin a series of city-wide tent meetings, the first of which will be in Marshall, Texas. Mr. Martin will lead a city wide meeting, sponsored by the Baptist churches of Greenville in July.

Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor of the

Gulfport church says, "Eddie Martin is one of the finest evangelists Southern Baptists have today. I have never heard a man whose preaching was more Christ centered, whose presentation of the plan of salvation was clearer, whose passion for souls was greater, and whose invitation was safer. He was a great blessing to our church and reached hearts and homes we had never been able to touch before. A real revival came to us and we shall be reaping rich harvest from it for months and years to come. We expect to have Brother Martin and his evangelistic party back with us for a city-wide campaign within the next few years."

"While he makes his home in Pennsylvania, Mr. Martin is a Southern Baptist. He has held



Shown above is about two-thirds of the crowd of nearly 2500 who heard Rev. Eddie Martin in a great evangelistic rally at the Gulfport High School stadium on Sunday afternoon, April 12. Mr. Martin was conducting a revival at First Church in that city.

Southern Seminary Buys Apartment House

Louisville, Ky.—(BP)—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will relieve its acute housing problem with the purchase of a 265-apartment house called Green Tree Manor. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, announced the purchase March 20. He said that the school would like to have possession of the apartments by July 1 and that all the apartments will be ready to house married seminary students by the beginning of the fall session in September.

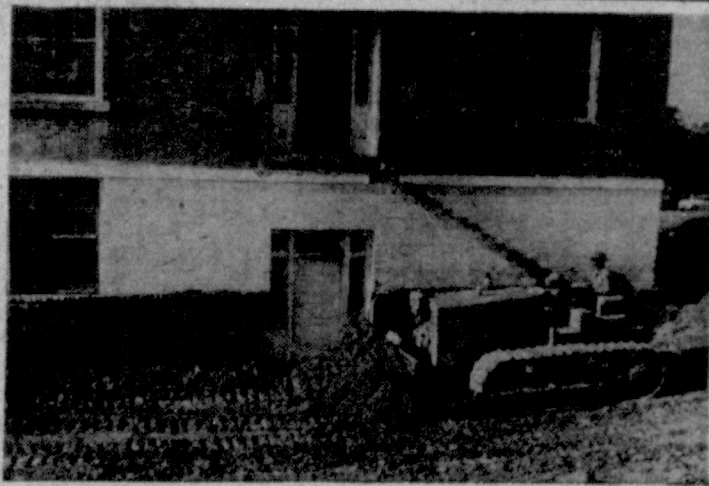
The development was bought by the seminary with funds amounting to \$1,670,000 provided primarily by the Southern Baptist Convention and allocated for the purchase of property. The seminary is to repay the amount over a five-year period. Funds from grants and other sources have been added to this amount.

Seminary enrollment has jumped from 400 to almost 1,000 within the last seven years. Approximately 60 per cent of these are married students.

Green Tree Manor is located approximately two miles east of the seminary campus.

Dr. McCall stated that the purchase does not affect plans to construct another 300-unit apartment

meetings in many of the churches in our convention, and his city-wide campaigns are all under the auspices of Baptist churches."



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Please Note: You will have to make your own reservations at Ridgcrest, but we shall take care of making the hotel reservations for you on the trip — one night going and one night returning.

For your reservation there, write: Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Ridgcrest, N. C. If he writes you that he cannot care for you because they are filled, let us know and I think we can help you get in.

Don't let this wonderful opportunity pass. Get in on it and let us know right away, so we can save a place for you on our bus.

The bus will leave the Baptist Building in Jackson on Wednesday morning, June 17, at 6:30, and return here late afternoon of Thursday, June 25.

WANT A PACKAGE OF FREE VBS LITERATURE?

Do you want a package of the free Vacation Bible school promotional literature?

All right, then, just give us your request and we shall be most happy to send one to you. It will be helpful in ordering your supplies.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 3-10 is Christian Home Week.

Save this date and plan to make it a really worthwhile one. It is the purpose of this week to focus attention on a special emphasis of making the home Christian.

Leaflets giving a suggested program for the week are available.

"A MILLION MORE IN '54"

For Southern Baptists to reach a million more people for Sunday School next year means about 20 per cent increase for every school, as a minimum.

The school with an enrolment of 50 would want to increase to at least 60. One with an enrolment of 100, would need to increase to 120, and so on up to the largest schools.

One of the very first things we

need to do is to survey the field and learn just where a school can best reach these additional ones.

It is possible that many schools can reach all of theirs simply by organizing a Cradle Roll and Extension departments. That may do the trick for many schools.

Others will have to do even more, and put in some new classes for Adults, Juniors, Young People, etc.

But the point here is that we need to get busy now and discover where and how these additions need to be put in, and then enlist the needed additional workers and have them ready when the time comes.

We need to sing about "A Million More in '54." We need to talk about it; we need to think about it; but if we do no more than sing, talk and pray, we will never get that million new ones next year.

It is going to take some good, hard work to do the task.

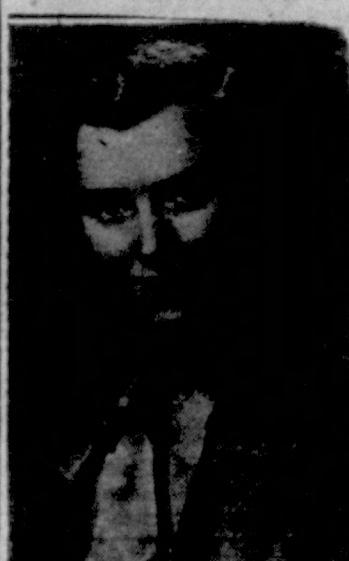
TRAINING AWARDS RECORD FOR MARCH, 1953

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| No. awards for March | 2,264 |
| No. Awards to date | 13,411 |
| No. Churches to date | 403 |
| No. Associations to date | 72 |
| High Five Associations | |
| Gulf Coast | 288 |
| Tippah | 119 |
| Hinds | (tie) 117 |
| Marion | (tie) 117 |
| Jones | 98 |
| High Five Churches | |
| Handsboro | 248 |
| Sandersville | 59 |
| Natchez, First | 48 |
| Baxterville | 46 |
| Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive | 43 |

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Dr. Frank Moody Pursier, pastor First Church, Oxford, was the evangelist for the revival at First Church, Osceola, Ark., April 12-17. Ralph Young, Pascagoula, led the music. Rev. Percy Herring is the pastor.

—BR—
The Pine Grove Church in Newton county closed a very successful week-end revival Easter Sunday. Rev. James E. Parker, pastor, did the preaching. A record attendance in Sunday School and Training Union was reached on Sunday. 10 are awaiting baptism. During the last six months, the church has gone from half-time to full time service. A Brotherhood, W. M. U., Y. W. A., R. A., and Sunbeam have been organized and each is progressing.

Blue Mtn. BSU President



MISS MARIANNE COLVERT

Miss Marianne Colvert of Little Rock, Ark., has been selected president of the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College for 1953-54 session.

134 Decisions in Southside Revival

There were 134 decisions in the Evangelistic revival at the South Side Church, Meridian, April 1-12. The meeting was conducted by Evangelist T. E. Williams of Bondville, Kentucky. He was assisted by song leader Hermon Cochran of Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. T. E. Williams, who lead youth meetings and played the piano and Miss Helen Eubanks, organist.

Fifty of the decisions were for baptism, 17 by letter, 66 rededications, and 1 for full Christian service. The pastor held a personal conference with each individual who came asking for baptism, after their decision.

The church had made earnest preparation and worked diligently during the meeting. There were more people who did personal witnessing and soul witnessing during this meeting than ever before in this church. Many of the people testified that the closing Sunday services were the greatest they had ever witnessed in a church.

Rev. A. E. Mason is the pastor.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 27—Lin Welch, Faculty, Blue Mountain College; Rev. J. E. Rogers, Chickasaw Association Chairman of Evangelism.
April 28 — Lillian Jones, BSU Secretary, Southwest Junior College; Mrs. Roscoe Davis, Calhoun Association WMU Supt.

April 29 — Mrs. C. F. Barnes, Copiah Association Training Union Director; Rev. Joe Hilbun, Clarke Association Sunday School Supt.

April 30 — Rev. Charles Everett, Bolivar Association Organizer of Evangelism; Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

May 1 — Mrs. J. G. Cleveland, faculty, Mississippi College; Royal Forest Conklin, Jr., faculty, Clarke College.

May 2 — J. C. Pell, Copiah Association Brotherhood President; Dr. B. Frank Smith, faculty, Woman's College.

May 3 — Christian Home Week; W. M. U. Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas.

PROGRESS NOTED IN STEWARDSHIP WEEK

BY W. R. ROBERTS
State Chairman of Christian Stewardship Week

Southern Baptists are on the march, making rapid progress in all phases of our work, and stewardship is no exception. For the first time in history, in so far as is known, a major denomination is launching a convention-wide simultaneous stewardship program and Mississippi Baptists are to be a part of such a program.

Even though the time for this great effort is several months in the future it is not too early to begin planning for it. Everywhere the possibilities of these more than 1600 schools of stewardship in all of our churches during the week of October 18-25, have been discussed, the pastors and people have been most enthusiastic.

Every organization and agency in our denominational life is co-operating actively in this all-out effort for our Lord. Of course, the success of any program, in a large degree, depends upon the preparation that is made for it. Therefore, the success or failure of this stewardship effort in the local church during the week of October 18-25 depends upon the preparation that is made by the pastors and people.

I. What To Do

1. Mark the date now and keep this date both for you and your church for the Stewardship School the week of October 18-25.

2. Name a stewardship committee in each association for the following purposes:

(1) Make definite plans for the School of Stewardship in the association, October 18-25.

(2) Enlist all the organizations in this School of Stewardship, October 18-25.

(3) Enlist every church in the association to participate in the School of Stewardship, Oct. 18-25.

3. Promote the attendance for the big Leadership Rally that is to be held in your association one night during the month of September when all the churches are asked to meet together and present a program on Stewardship.

4. Lead your church now to vote to participate in the Stewardship School and mark it on your calendar, October 18-25.

Secure early four good teachers for the following books:

(1) Adults — "Found Faithful", by Merrill D. Moore.

(2) Young People — "Good Stewards", by J. E. Dillard.

(3) Intermediates — "Partners with God," by Elizabeth Evans Terry.

(4) Juniors — "The Taling Penny", by Bethann Van-Ness.

5. Teach the above mentioned classes in your church five nights

during the week of October 18-25.

II. Objectives of These Stewardship Schools.

1. To reach every Baptist in Mississippi with the Bible message of stewardship.

2. To reach every Baptist Church with an all-church School of Stewardship during the week of October 18-25.

3. Use every church and denominational organization in enlisting the churches to observe October 18-25 as Stewardship Week.

4. Encourage and help every Baptist church in Mississippi to have a church budget and every member canvass every year.

5. Give information and inspiration in these Stewardship Schools that will be the means of enlisting more tithers.

6. Challenge our churches to increase their Cooperative Program gifts for world-wide mission.

—BR—

Final plans for Transfer Church Membership Week, Sept. 13-20, will be announced by Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of the campaign, at the Houston Convention. During 1952, 481,879 people joined Southern Baptist churches by letter or statement. Plans included increasing this number in 1953.

—BR—

First Church, Purvis, voted Sunday to purchase a neighboring lot and two houses for \$5,000. An educational plant will be erected on the property and at a future date an edifice will also be constructed. Pledges for the year have amounted to approximately \$14,000. This is a part of the churches enlargement program. Rev. Paul H. Lever is the pastor.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO LOCAL STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMEN

Dear Stewardship Chairmen:

Much good work has been done already this year by the local stewardship chairmen from all over the state. This has shown up in the increased gifts through the Cooperative Program and the large increase in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$127,360.43 at last report. A good beginning to a good year. There is still time to check in your local societies on the Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions. Has every woman had a chance to make an offering? In Mississippi, a portion of our Jubilee gift is in the Annie W. Armstrong Offering this year, so it is very important that every one have a part in it. You remember, don't you, that we plan to build a church in a brand new field in Panama with the \$6,500 we designated as a Jubilee gift to Home Missions? Let's build that church! We can if all of us have a worthy part in the Annie W. Armstrong offering. Do a little gleaning, if necessary.

Our stewardship emphasis this year, is the Cooperative Program, and our first Jubilee goal is that every church with a missionary society give to missions through the Cooperative Program. If your church does not yet participate, there is a plan described in the Jubilee Handbook that enables a missionary society to give to the Cooperative Program through the local church. There are many leaflets explaining the Cooperative Program and what it means to missions. Order from the office of the Executive Secretary, Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. They are free. Use them as the basis of your stewardship emphasis each month. Don't you believe that if everyone better understood this program of ours every church in the state would love to have a part in it, especially those with mission-minded women as members?

Did you know that if every missionary society in the state would have a net gain of just one tither this year our Jubilee goal of 750 new tithers would be met? And more important than meeting a goal would be the joy we'd bring to those 750 people in more perfectly being the ideal steward, and to the many people lost for want of a Saviour, who would bear the good news through our extra mission offerings. Worth working for, isn't it? There are available tracts on tithing from the Baptist Convention Board free for the asking. They make good talks; pass them out to the members; answer roll call sometimes with verses on tithing. All of these will be helpful in presenting the value to tithing as a basis of Christian giving. I found a good stewardship verse in reading the other day, one at least, I haven't read before — II Samuel 24:24. Read the story and use the verse; it does something to you.

Ahead of us is lots of work if we do all the many things we plan. A

look at our calendar shows us that:

1. W. M. U. Special Day will be observed May 4 with a program and an offering for the causes that are "specially" ours in Mississippi. Let's give every member of every society a chance to have a part in this offering. Be familiar with the items included in it: the W. M. U. Training School, the Margaret Fund, the Aged Ministers, Camp Garaywa Building Fund, and Diamond Jubilee Observance. The Convention voted to use the accumulated building fund money for Garaywa and Garaywa's part in the offering this year to do some very necessary enlarging at Garaywa this spring. Heat in all the cabins too! So when you come to Camp Garaywa this summer for W. M. S. Camp, you'll see a new building — new conveniences (more dining hall space) made possible by the offerings of W. M. U. Special Day.

2. The fourth quarter is the time to study a stewardship book. Plan now to have a stewardship study not only in the W. M. S. but in all the auxiliaries. Do you know that at last we have a complete series of stewardship books that emphasize stewardship and missions. The very newest one is for the W. S. M. and Y. W. A. — the title, Sacrifice and Song, price 35 cents and available after April 20 from your Baptist Book Store. The others for the auxiliaries I'm listing for your convenience:

Intermediates, These Dared to Share, price 50 cents (teacher's edition, \$1.00)

Juniors, Jenny, Penny, and Kan, price 35 cents (teacher's helps, 10 cents)

The Steward Family, price 50 cents.

Sunbeams, Bonnie Baptist and th Sunbeams, price 35 cents (teacher's helps 15 cents).

Even though the young people may have studied these before, they're probably ready for them again. This will give every church a good start toward the churchwide stewardship study course in October. And that reminds me, it isn't too early to discuss with the Young People's Director tentative plans for the Annual Church Night of Stewardship, might be a good idea to set the date with your pastor.

If you weren't at the Convention, you'll be glad to know that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from 1953 goal is \$150,000. That includes our Jubilee gift to Foreign Missions, \$15,000 to build and equip a church in Cinco Esquinas, Costa Rica. They tell us that means "Five Corners" in English, the crossroads of Central America — a new field; sort of thrilling to think of our women in Mississippi meeting such a wonderful mission opportunity all by ourselves with the help of the Lord.

The State Mission Jubilee gift will be used for the racial groups in Mississippi; you'll be hearing a lot about what is planned later. I know this is a long letter but I just had to tell you about the many opportunities for serving our Lord we had this year, and again,

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THE VACATION BIBLE

School season is about to begin. May we call attention to all interested that reports of Vacation Bible Schools and photos for publication should be sent to the Sunday School Department, not to the Baptist Record.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: L. E. Pollock, Jackson; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Kosciusko; Rev. R. S. Parker, Phoenix; Curtis C. Boozer, Jackson; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Rev. Van Hardin, and Rec. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale, Rev. James Fairchild, Louisville; Rev. Stanley A. File, Clinton; Claude F. Gaddy, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Ruth H. Yeates, Jackson; Ed Warren, Jackson; Rev. James B. Parker, J. T. Grantham, Jackson; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Dr. Wilbern, Lawrence, Meridian; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fortenberry, Osyka; Roy S. Isbell, Paul B. Jacob, Jr., Starkville; Rev. David Cranford, Canton; Rupert W. Richardson, Abilene, Texas; Paul Nance, Shawnee, Okla.; Rev. J. R. Grisitt, Clinton; Mary Lee Rice, Jackson; Bobby Fulton, Newton; Nannie Lou Sumrall, Newton, H. E. Watson, Naxapater.

to tell you what a wonderful committee you are, praying and working to make His Kingdom come. Sincerely,

MRS. J. T. LYONS
State Stewardship Chairman

A Spring Revival will be held at Mt. Gilead Church in Lauderdale county April 26-May 1 with Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor Southside Church, Meridian, doing the preaching. Rev. Edd Grayson is the pastor and L. L. Knight will lead the music.

The Houston Church observed the opening of a church library April 20-22. Mrs. Genevieve Day, library consultant of the Book Store in Jackson, led in the three day program of processing the books for circulation and speaking to various groups of the church each night on the ministry of books. Mrs. Fannie Volk is the newly-elected librarian. Rev. W. G. Watson is the pastor.

According to Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor, Byram Church, Hinds County, closed one of the best revivals in the history of their church Sunday evening April 19. There were 29 additions to the church, 19 of which came for baptism. Among the group coming on profession of faith many were old people. Some young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Rev. Fred Tarpley, Supt. of Missions, Hinds County Baptist was the evangelist, and Rev. John McBride, student Mississippi College was the song leader.

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W. V. Jenkins is one of the oldest and perhaps has been one of the most active members of the Clarksdale Church for more than 45 years.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Grace, Yazoo City, Is No. 1059

Grace Church, Yazoo City is one of the younger churches of that association. But it has already made the Baptist Record a part of its program under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hammet.

In sending in the list he wrote, "Our people are enjoying the Baptist Record for we realize that informed Baptists are better Baptists."

Yazoo County Record readers are now listed as follows: Anding 16; BENTONIA 64; Bethlehem 8; BLACK JACK 64; CENTER RIDGE 68; CONCORD 55; Eden 14; HEBRON 48; HOLLY BLUFF 75; Liverpool 12; MELROSE 28; Oak Grove 17; OGDEN 31; OIL CITY 33; Providence 13; Rocky Springs 16; SATARTIA 29; SHORT CREEK 37; YAZOO CITY, FIRST 363; YAZOO CITY, CALVARY 70; YAZOO CITY, GRACE 20.

South McComb Church Sets Good Example

South McComb Church, Rev. James A. Bryant, pastor, lost no time in getting the names of the new members on the Every Family list. The meeting closed on Sunday and on Monday the church clerk, C. R. Toler, sent a list of the new families.

This would be a good plan for other churches to follow.

Pike county now has Record readers listed as follows: BALA CHITTO, 23; BLUFF SPRINGS, 28; BOGUE CHITTO, 40; CALVARY, 57; CENTRAL, 125; EAST McCOMB, 112; FERNWOOD, 52; FRIENDSHIP, 116; GREENWOOD 25; HOLMESVILLE, 32; JOHNSON STATION, 26; McCOMB, FIRST, 397; McCOMB, SOUTH-SIDE, 157; McCOMB, LOCUST STREET, 50; MAGNOLIA, 75; Nashville, 1; OSYKA, 94; PROGRESS, 52; SUMMIT, 127; TANGIPAHOA, 88; TERRY'S CREEK, 71; THOMPSON, 27; UNION, 43; MAGNOLIA, MISSION, 45; NORTH McCOMB, 30.

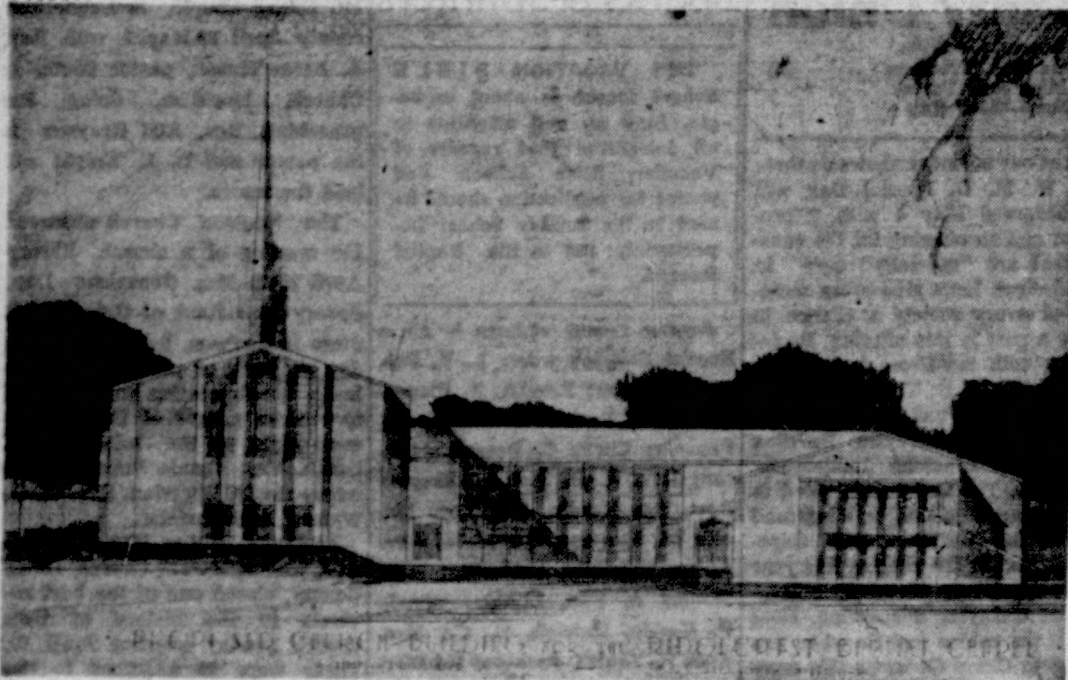
Wayside Is No. 1060

Although only recently ordained, Rev. Darwin Hall, pastor of Wayside Church in Yalobusha County, is acting like a veteran.

Under the leadership of Pastor Hall, the church had the Baptist Record on trial for a few weeks. They liked the sample and have now made the Record a part of their program.

Although his pastorate began on Jan. 1, the church is already

Proposed Building Of Ridgcrest Church in Jackson



The first unit of the proposed building of the Ridgcrest Baptist Church, located at 428 West Northside Drive in Jackson is expected to begin soon.

The new congregation started holding mid-week and evening services on April 1 and will start a full schedule of activity on May 3. More than 100 people have expressed a desire to become members of the new congregation.

The First Baptist is the sponsoring church and the new work is in cooperation with the Hinds County Baptist Mission program. Rev. Fred Tarpley, Superintendent of Missions in Hinds County is serving as temporary pastor.

The above building when completed will seat 865 in the sanctuary and care for 880 in the educational building.

making much progress. In addition to adopting the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record, a committee has been appointed to take care of the needy of the community.

Record readers in Yalobusha County are now listed as follows: Big Springs 12; CAMP GROUND 51; COFFEEVILLE 82; Elam 9; Mt. Gilead 15; NEW HOPE 27; Oakland 15; O'TUCKOLOFA 23; Scobey 14; Tillatoba 1; WATER VALLEY 124; WAYSIDE 30; and Cedar Grove 10.

Roberts Scores Again

One among the many loyal friends of the Baptist Record is Rev. N. H. Roberts. His latest example of friendship is a list from Old Plank Church in Carroll county.

Record readers in Carroll county are now listed as follows: Calvary 11; CARROLLTON 26; Coila 1; Harmony 14; Leflore 1; Liberty 2; McCarley 18; Mt. Olive 3; Mt. Pisgah 7; NEW BETHEL 27; New Jerusalem 1; New Salem 5; NORTH CARROLLTON 44; Old Plank 13; Providence 10; VAIDEN 50; and Black Hawk 1.

Charles Ray Accepts Moorhead Pastorate

Rev. Charles Ray, pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Mission, has resigned that post to become pastor of the Moorhead Church.

The Rev. Mr. Ray and family have already moved on the field where they found a remodeled parsonage and a full pantry.

He did a fine work at the Magnolia Mission while completing his studies at New Orleans Seminary.

They have two children, Charlie and Betty.

Editor Of Mountaineer



PATSY PRICE

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Apr. 20—Patsy Price, Tyler, Texas, who has been elected editor-in-chief of the Mountaineer, Blue Mountain College year book for 1953-54.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

The Columbia Church, Marion County, experienced a season of refreshing resulting in 20 additions to the church and the pastor (Rev. W. A. Hewitt) being presented a new buggy.

A good B. Y. P. U. has been recently organized in the Forty-First Avenue Church of Meridian.

40 YEARS AGO—

One hundred and ten additions to the First Church, Hattiesburg, is reported by Pastor I. P. Trotter during a recent city-wide evangelistic campaign. Fifty-seven of these were for baptism.

25 YEARS AGO—

State Evangelists Wade Smith and M. E. Perry closed an evangelistic campaign with the Piave Baptist Church, Forrest County, with 113 additions to the membership, "more than half of whom came for baptism." Rev. J. H. Cothen of the BBI is pastor.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
For April 26

Paul's Conflicts in Corinth
Bible Text: Acts 18:1-18.

Introduction: I voice a personal wish that those who read this article would take time to read Acts 15-18 in order that they might have the setting of the lesson. It would be far better for the reader of this article to read the four chapters referred to above than to read anything that I can write about them, if a choice between the two courses should have to be made.

One day, years ago, I went into the waiting room of my dentist's office in New Orleans with a copy of the Baptist Record in my hand, and was addressed by a lady waiting there with the question, "Would this doctor read that paper if someone gave him a subscription to it?"

My answer, "I believe he would. Who are you, Lady?"

"I am Mrs. Williams of Lumberton."

"I am Bracey Campbell."

"Well," answered the lady whom I had not had the fortune to see before, and have not had the good fortune to see since, "I opened my copy of the Record this morning, and did what you asked me to do. I put the paper down, took my Bible, and read the passages you requested me to read."

I have wished a thousand times since that other readers might do as this fine lady said she did, but I was chilled a bit later by having one tell me that such requests upon my part were folly and nonsense, since nobody was going to do the thing I asked of them.

Dear Reader, please help me make my adviser a false speaker by reading the suggested four chapters

I. CORINTH

Capital of Achaia, or southern Greece, beautiful for situation, delightful for climate, by far the best situation in all Greece for a great commercial city, situated on a narrow isthmus with a seaport on either side, one a mile and a half distant on the west toward Rome, the other, Cenchrea, some eight miles to the east. In Paul's day, goods consigned from west eastward were for the most part unloaded at the western port and carried over the portage to the eastern port where they were loaded onto ships bound eastward. A skidway was built over which small vessels were carried from one port to the other. Nero dug a small canal across the isthmus, which has long since given way to a splendid large canal.

The population of Corinth in the day of Paul is said to have been 400,000. Corinth has been called "The Star of Hellas", "The Eye of Greece", "The Bridge of the Sea", "The Gate of the Peloponnesus", "aVnity Fair of the Roman Empire". Her sons were skilled in shipbuilding, painting, sculpture, all forms of the mechanic arts, the manufacture of Corinthian brass, the first of which was made by accident in

great and destructive fire; but none of her sons attained place among the illustrious writers of Greece.

The population of Corinth was of the most heterogeneous nature possible; Greek adventurers, Roman middle class, Phonicians — a mass of Jews, ex-soldiers, Philosophers, merchants, sailors, slaves, freedmen, tradespeople, hucksters, and agents of every form of vice — a colony "without aristocracy, without tradition, without well established citizens."

The luxury and licentiousness of the east ran riot in the streets of Corinth; the immorality of Corinth was proverbial the world over. It's very name had become a synonym for reckless debauchery. To the temple of Venus were attached more than a thousand priestesses who were professional prostitutes in the name of the religion of their unclean goddess. Such was the Corinth to which his Lord sent Paul — such the Augean stable which the diminutive Christian Hercules addressed himself to the task of cleansing!

"Oh! But of course Paul did not go after this sort. He would find the decent ones among this mass and call them out from among the wicked." Oh, yeah! Well, listen at Paul talk to them about themselves: "Neither fornication, nor idolatry, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you."

"But how on earth could Paul or any other man make a church of such rotten material." No man can, of course. It takes the might of the Almighty to cleanse the putrid heart of sin; but God can do it, has done it, will do it. There is no case of degeneracy too hard for Him. Give Him a man through whom to speak His message, a man whose devotion God has won, whose heart He has cleansed, whose soul He has renewed, and God will build a church of His redeemed in the dickedest spot on this earth.

II. HOW PAUL DID HIS

WORK IN CORINTH

1. He listened to God, depended upon God, sought the will of God and remained in it. He began with that, of course. 2. Paul found a home with Priscilla and Aquila. He found a home, that's the point, a place to stay. 3. He adopted a means of support. Paul knew how to do a useful thing, and he was not ashamed or too lazy to work. He was a good tent-maker, this Paul. I'll dare affirm that. He was the sort of man who did well what he set his hand to do. What his hand found to do, he did with his might and to the glory of God.

4. He made the best use of the Sabbath. He went to the Synagogue. During the week he reasoned and persuaded individuals; on the Sabbath he reasoned with "both Jews and Greeks" in large gatherings. 5. His assistants arrived to help him. He had sent for them from Athens, requesting that they come to him with all speed. He was greatly re-enforced by their arrival.

6. The coming of his helpers by relieving his loneliness in the work brought healing to his overtaxed

Durant's New Educational Building



The above picture shows the new Educational Annex and the Building and Finance Committees of the First Church of Durant. The building is a two-story brick veneer building which arrs to the educational facilities two nurseries, a recreational hall, an intermediate department with eight class rooms, four adult rooms and three rest rooms.

The building was begun January 8 and completed the middle of March. The people of the First Church paid for the building as it was being built. The building and furnishings cost \$19,000.

The Committees, left to right: Rev. C. M. Day, Pastor; I. M. McClellan, Miss Mamie Clark, R. E. Irby, Chairman of the Finance Committee; R. K. Ray, Miss Ethelyn Baine, W. C. Landrum, Chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Montie Thompson, H. E. Cooper, Mrs. W. W. Waller, W. H. Counts, Mrs. H. L. Herrington, Ralph McGehee, and Everett Carr, Sunday School Superintendent. Other members of committees not shown are R. E. Moore, Marvin McLellan and Mrs. Hazel Brannon Smith.

body. 7. The constraint of the word aided him to testify to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. 8. The opposition of the Jews kindled his zeal to greater fervency.

There was a season, however when Paul became fearful and discouraged. It was then his Lord spoke to him in the night by a vision. Let us look briefly at two persons and one thing concerned in this vision: There was:

1. Paul, the worker. He was tired, no doubt; for the work of the missionary is hard work. He was discouraged also, I make no doubt, for things usually start off slowly on a new mission field.

2. The Lord, the watcher. He had His eye on Paul, to help, to encourage him, and to bid him stay till the work was done.

3. The Mission, the Work. "Be not afraid". Yes, courage, fearlessness in the service of the Lord is itself a service. How often do we need to encourage ourselves in the Lord, to do this first in order to the doing of greater things. "But speak, and hold not thy peace".

Give to the gospel the widest possible publicity, and do it without fear of the consequences. And the reason: "I am with thee". What more could a Christian ask than to have his Lord share his work! "No man shall set on thee to harm thee." I will guide till the day is done; I will protect and shield thee from all danger. "I have much people in this city." Diamonds in this rubbish heap, gold in this pigsty.

—BR—
Twenty-six were added in the revival at Bethel Church in Sunflower County, twelve of whom were by profession of faith, and two others surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service. Rev. R. S. Bradford of Jones, La., was the evangelist. Rev. Mack A. Robinson is the pastor.

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Complete Religious Freedom For All Chief Baptist Tenet, Lipphard Says

NEW YORK, April 7 — An indomitable belief in religious liberty is one of the most distinctive features of the Baptist faith, according to Dr. William Lipphard, prominent Baptist writer and editor.

In an article, "What is a Baptist?" appearing in the issue of Look magazine out today, Dr. Lipphard states that, throughout their history, Baptists have contended for full, complete, unrestricted religious freedom. This freedom applies not only to themselves, but to all other religions, whether Catholic, Moslem, Hindu, Jewish or pagan. Atheists also are entitled to their views, and to persuade others to accept them, provided their convictions do not interfere with the right of others to do likewise, according to the Baptist belief.

"The Baptist contention is not for mere 'tolerance' but for absolute liberty," Dr. Lipphard continues. "Tolerance means concession and expediency; liberty means inalienable right."

He adds that Baptists do not believe that legislation, force or persecution, whether by church or state can ever surpass religious error.

Having no centralized control, no hierarchy and no single, official creed, the Baptists do not regard themselves as a "church," but as a denomination. The local church is the sovereign, all-powerful ecclesiastical unit, Dr. Lipphard says in the Look article.

The Baptists form the largest Protestant group in the United States. The World Almanac for 1953 records 17,500,000 members, of whom about 7,000,000 are negroes. This is approximately one half of the entire negro population of the United States.

(Editor's Note: We have read the article by Dr. Lipphard with interest and profit. We believe a few things should have been expressed differently. We also suggest a reading of Dr. J. B. Lawrence's article in the April issue of "Southern Baptist Home Missions" which is stronger and clearer.)

—BR—

Bay St. Louis Church Has Membership Meet

The First Church of Bay St. Louis, Rev. Schuyler Batson, pastor has just closed a successful membership revival with Rev. Roy Stockstill, pastor Trinity Church, New Orleans, preaching.

Music was led by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buice, church chorister and organist. A record attendance of 113 was present for Sunday School and 103 for Training Union.

Many results came from the meeting, one of which was the surrender of a young business man, Bill Benefield, for full time Christian service.

—BR—

Dr. W. E. Prout, pastor First Church, Shelby, is preaching a series of sermons at the evening hour on "The Activities of the Holy Spirit."

Free Entertainment Kit For Those Houston Bound

The Entertainment Committee for the Southern Baptist Convention is preparing an attractive advance kit for the convenience of all who are planning to attend the Convention. It will be ready for distribution April 1, and will contain a marked Houston city map, an automobile courtesy sticker, a Convention program, letters of welcome from Governor Allan Shivers, Mayor Roy Hofheinz, and Rev. Carroll Ray of the Pastor's Conference, and literature on places of interest in and around Houston. Also included will be a card which may be mailed to a touring service for information about side trips and routes to Mexico.

This kit may be had without cost at the Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston, or by writing directly to the Entertainment Committee, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Texas, giving your name and address, where you expect to stay while in Houston, and your method of travel.

Announcement of the kit was made by John J. Curtis, Houston.

New Building Of Mt. Zion Church



Shown above is the new building of Mt. Zion Church, Independence, Miss., which recently went full-time and called Rev. Billy R. Greene of Tippah County as pastor.

RELIGIOUS representatives at Washington generally a bit ahead of the mythical average man in seeing trends at work in Congress detect a strong lack of interest among legislators in debate on important bills. There were only six Senators on hand when the Senate passed, without a roll-call vote, the important legislation elevating the Federal Security Agency to cabinet status, thus paying off with a cabinet post a former New Deal darling who put her finger in the air about a year ago, caught the direction of the prevailing political winds, and miraculously became a Republican, particularly an Eisenhower supporter. Many of the senators undoubtedly were away on official business, playing golf at the Burning Tree Country Club, making a jaunt to Hawaii (to investigate the status of that wonderful beach at Wai-ki-ki), or having a late drink and snack with Senator Eugene D. Milliken (R-Colo.), one of the greatest entertainers in the most exclusive men's club on earth. Attendance at sessions of the House of Representatives is no better than it was last year, when absenteeism reached almost scandalous proportions.

MANAGERS, LIBRARIANS MEET IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Managers of forty-four Southern Baptist book stores met in Nashville, March 23-27 for their annual conference.

The conference was a review and consideration of the whole book store program as it relates itself to denominational life.

The meeting was under the direction of Harold E. Ingraham, business manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and John H. Williams, director of the Book Store Department.

Featured on the program were Wallace S. Clark, director of management research, General Shoe Corporation, Nashville; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board; Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary; Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary of education and promotion; and Dr. William J. Fallis, book editor for Broadman Press.

Owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, these stores comprise the largest denominationally-owned group of retail book and church supplies distributors in the world. The stores are located in strategic centers throughout twenty-two states from

Columbus Youth Week Council Leads Youth Week



Pictured above with the pastor, Dr. S. R. Woodson, is the Youth Week Council, composed of General Church Officers, that conducted the recent Youth Week program at Columbus First Church. They are: (front row, left to right) Shelby Pinto, youth director; William Ergle, educational director; Jobe Wilder, pastor; Ann Williams, secretary; Mary Jane Weaver, B.S.U. secretary. (Second row, left to right) Jeannette Melton, minister of music; Mary Jo Puckett, pianist; Mike McRaney, Sunday School superintendent; Phil Heard, training union director; Don Huson, chairman of the Deacons. (Third row, left to right) Tommy Moddy, brotherhood president; Lillian Sharp, W.M.U. president; Leo Green, treasurer; Frank Wells, chairman of ushers and Dr. Woodson.

Baltimore, Md., and Miami, Fla. on the east coast to Portland, Oregon, and Huntington Park, Calif., on the west.

Nineteen church library consultants representing as many states met March 23-27. They were under the leadership of Miss Florida Waite, Convention-wide leader for church librarians.

These librarians work directly with churches in the advancement of good reading. They reported 5,000 church libraries and a record of one a day for every day since November, 1952. An outstanding accomplishment was the result of the campaign for establishing rural and small church libraries, which began in February, 1952.

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My report has been summed up in a few words; but if it included more, I think that we would, like Joshua, have to command the sun to stand still to give us more hours in the day in which to fight the battle.—Zelma (Mrs. E. F. Jr.) Hallock, missionary to Brazil.

It Makes A Difference Whether A Teacher Is A Christian Or Not

BY DR. R. ORRIN CORNETT

In his book, "Christian Education in a Democracy" Dr. Frank Gaebelin points out that the notes of the musical scale are technically the same for a Shastakovich as for a Bach. "But with Bach," he writes, "music meant communing with God and also communicating something about God." So it is with teaching — to the truly Christian teacher, teaching is an opportunity to inspire students to the best of which they are capable, to instill concepts and ideals that are worthy and desirable.

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It makes a great deal of difference whether a teacher of history, literature or science is a Christian. It is not that there is "Christian" mathematics or "Christian" geology, as distinguished from "secular" mathematics or "secular" geology, but rather that the only valid claim to distinction in great teaching lies in the influence of personality upon personality.

Indeed, Christ is the answer in education, because education trains leaders, and Christian leadership is the greatest need in the world today.

109 YOUNG PEOPLE CONDUCT COLUMBUS YOUTH WEEK

The First Church of Columbus held a most successful Youth Week April 5 with 109 Intermediates and Young People taking part.

"Christ Shall Be Magnified" was the theme of the week in which the young people assumed all places of leadership and service.

Special highlights of the week included a play "The Doctor Decides" presented by the Young People, a "Frontier Fracas" (barbecue, western style) and a Saturday morning prayer group.

The Young People manned all the positions of leadership in all the services during the week including Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood.

Miss Ann Givens, church director of Youth Activities, led in plans for the week. Dr. S. R. Woodson is the pastor.

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The Indian Springs Church in Winston county had an unusual service at a recent mid-week prayer meeting. Miss Irene Landry of Clarke College and a converted Catholic told of some of the problems she had faced since her own family had disowned her after becoming a Baptist. Rev. Bill Hogan added to the interest and inspiration of the service by giving a Chalk Talk drawing a picture entitled "Some Golden Day-Break." Rev. Hugh Smith, Clarke College student, is the pastor.

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